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## DIED OF HEART FAILURE

**Miss Berta Schlicher Found Dead in Bed Sunday Morning; Great Shock to All.**

Miss Berta Schlicher, aged 31, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schlicher, was found dead in bed Sunday morning as the result of heart failure.

The remains were interred in the city cemetery Monday attended by relatives and a large concourse of friends. The funeral services were conducted by Judge C. E. Snodgrass and Rev. R. E. Newton. Mrs. L. S. Lane, of Harriman, arrived Sunday afternoon. A sister of the deceased, Mrs. Roy Duncan, Palestine, Ill., arrived on the early train yesterday morning too late for the services. Numerous other relatives were unable to attend as the news of her demise could not be gotten to them in time. The deceased has been in failing health for years, but for the past few weeks she has been much better and had been taking an unusually active part in church and Sunday school work. She was a woman of remarkable sweet temper and had a host of friends who will deeply regret her sudden demise.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlicher have been called upon to suffer most deeply the past few years by the loss of their children. October 25, 1918, a grown daughter, Mrs. Kate Taylor, was taken away. On July 3, 1919, Robert, a son 18 years of age, a boy of unusually bright and active mind was taken. March 4, 1920, another son, Oliver, man grown, was taken. He was a man of most kindly nature, generous and took great pleasure in rendering kindnesses to his friends, and every person who knew him was his friend.

Our people realizing the great sorrow that has afflicted these good people, every effort was made to lighten the burden as much as possible by deeds of kindness and sympathy.

The members of the Congregational church and Sunday school, of which the deceased was a member, provided a handsome floral tribute for the funeral. Tokens of love and kindness were expressed in profusion by their many friends with flowers as well as by every personal attention that might tend to in any degree soothe their crushed and grief-stricken hearts.

## CARD OF THANKS.

To those kind friends who ministered to us and lent their kindly aid and sympathy in the death of our dear daughter, we extend our most grateful and heartfelt thanks. To the Congregational church and Sunday school and the other friends who sent floral tokens, we extend our most grateful appreciation.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Schlicher.

Miss Mabel Brown, of Athens, arrived Wednesday for a visit of some days with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Bishop and family. Miss Brown is the oldest daughter of Judge S. C. Brown and wife, who formerly lived here and have many friends in Crossville and over the county.

Roy C. Bishop who is on the U. S. S. Destroyer Hulbert, has been assigned the position of chief electrician on the vessel and in spite of the fact that there are two more electricians aboard who rank higher as officers than he, those officers take orders from him and he is held responsible for everything connected with the electrical department of the vessel. That would indicate that he is making good in a very substantial way.

Miss Lela Brown, of Athens, who was visiting with the Bishops and other relatives here last week, left Thursday for Harriman where she visited for a day before leaving for home via Knoxville.

## DIED OF APPENDICITIS

**Martin V. Brardley, Succumbs to Operation at Great Lakes Naval Station.**

The body of Martin V. Bradley, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bradley, Biglick, arrived from the Great Lakes naval station, near Chicago, Sunday. The remains were taken to Biglick and interred in the Oak Grove cemetery Monday. Funeral services conducted by Mrs. Carrie Murphy.

The young man joined the navy early in April and was sent to the Great Lakes station. He was taken with an acute attack of appendicitis, was operated upon at the naval station, but the disease had assumed so serious a stage before the operation that he did not recover and died August 23.

## MORE MOONSHINE

**Monroe Stanley Arrested Last Week by Marshal Lyles, Henry Turner and Others**

Tuesday of last week Marshal Lyles, Henry Turner and others located a still sight near the home of Monroe Stanley, about a mile south of Pomona. The still had been removed and they only secured some boxes and barrels and a quantity of still slop. The still sight was only a few hundred yards from the home of Monroe Stanley and it seemed clear that Mr. Stanley had been feeding his hogs on still slop. He had several head in a pen at his home. The still sight was protected on one side by a dense thicket, but on the side next to the Stanley home there was little or no protection as it is said the still sight could be seen from the Stanley home.

Mr. Stanley was arrested and brought to town to be tried before U. S. Commissioner J. W. Dorton. Mr. Dorton allowed Mr. Stanley to return to his home pending the arrival of a United States Marshal, who is expected here any day to take charge of the prosecution.

Friday night about 12:30 Marshal Lyles arrested John Rector in front of the home of Emmett Agee who lives on the east side of town a short distance from the home of Trustee T. F. Brown. Rector was tried before Recorder J. D. McClarney and fined \$25 and costs, making a total of \$28.35. The fine and costs were secured by Jud Burkheart and J. J. Andrews.

Miss Carrie Shadden, of Watson, is here the guest of Mrs. Rose Rector.

The Sunday schools of the town held their annual union picnic at Greens Ford yesterday. The day was beautiful and the attendance was large. The usual good time was had with a bounteous spread of good things to eat.

J. W. Laminack and family, who have been visiting his father and other relatives near Muscadine, Alabama, for a few weeks returned home last week. They report a most delightful visit with an abundance of watermelons and most other good things grown on the farm.

Under the new ordinance requiring all men to work the streets as those outside the corporation to work the county roads, several men have been working the streets the past few days and much helpful work has been done.

L. A. Reeves, who has been here the past five months buying ties for Ayer & Lord, has been laid off and Mr. Reeves and family will move to his farm a few miles from Joplin, Mo., where Mr. Reeves will engage in farming. Since moving here they have made numerous friends who will regret to know we are to lose them as citizens. They plan to leave the last of this week.

## IMPORTANT ROAD BUILDING

**Clifty People Building Seven Miles, Five of Which Are in This County.**

The citizens of Clifty are building a road from Clifty, a distance of about eight miles, to intersect with the Memphis-to-Bristol highway about one fourth of a mile from the White and Cumberland county line, and when it is completed a long felt want of both Clifty and her neighbors will be realized.

About one year ago two men, who were afflicted with public-spiritedness, pressed the same seat in a railroad car whose destination was Clifty. They had discussed the pros and cons of the business and financial world and had exchanged methods best adapted to solving problems most perplexing. Unlike Alexander they regretted that there were yet so many worlds to conquer. As their train drew near its destination there was a convergence of thought, aim and purpose, for their expression exhibited the fact that they had agreed upon some philanthropic and exemplary project. It was apparent from the tone of the conversation that plans were being laid for the ground work of some notable achievement. They alighted from their train and each went his way in the interest of the executive affairs of his respective corporation.

The next day news became current that Dr. Young and C. B. Benedict, of the Bon Air Corporation and the Ransom-Benedict Co., respectively, had jointly agreed to share equally in the cost of a section of road, one half mile in length, leading from Clifty in the direction of Crossville.

This section of road comprised the first ascent from Clifty toward the main plateau and had been a barrier to prospective road builders. The right-of-way was cleared off and prepared for the other process and in due time Mr. Benedict had his experienced road builders on the scene with their machinery. In a little more than a week this road was finished and ready for traffic and public inspection. The cost to the two companies for the construction of the half mile of road was about \$650.00.

Now, we may read between the lines and find the motive these men had in view when they planned the construction of this stretch of road. This was an exemplary road—a pattern and an example that others might follow. Few people here had seen a better road in a time and the facts in the case were that all who saw it were inoculated with the "good road" spirit. Its effect upon the people was marvelous. The people were fired with road enthusiasm; their inspiration could not be subdued. Action was the slogan which was taken up by the enthusiasts who were ready to expend their means and energy in the cause. A petition was circulated for subscriptions to a fund with which to prosecute the road farther. Nearly every body, from trapper to officials, contributed to this fund, the amount raised being about \$400.00.

Another section of road three fourths of a mile in length, was surveyed. This section extended from the road just completed to the old stage road on the main plateau. The right-of-way was cleaned off and pre-stumps taken out, this work being paid for from the road fund. At this juncture winter weather and continuing difficulty so it was discontinued for a few rains made further progress for the winter.

Along in May the sap began to rise and all nature was awakened and came forth from hibernaculum, the road spirit could no longer slumber but came forth triumphantly to do and to dare. Their route was surveyed through to the Memphis-to-Bristol highway and was ready for

action. Then a host of workmen, armed with implements of destruction and construction, with steady tread and earnest determination, went forward to slay the forest and erect therein a monument to their memories. They toiled from day to day and the setting sun of each succeeding day found them one day nearer their goal. By their obstinate persistancy they went from mile to mile until now six miles of right-of-way are cleared off and the stumps removed.

Mr. Benedict's road men were employed in June to grade the three-fourths-of-a-mile stretch of road which was left over from last fall and this is considered the best piece of road in this country. When this was completed the grading was not allowed to stop but has been going steadily ever since. The end of the graded road is now over five miles from Clifty and about two and one-half miles from the Memphis-to-Bristol highway intersection. The man who graded all of the highway and railroad for the Ransom-Benedict Co. is employed to complete this road. He with his assistants will continue the work from day to day, which will insure its completion in due time.

At present the Treasury of these road builders has not one red cent in it but the grading is costing \$11.50 per day. About thirty miners here are having \$8.00 per month each checked in the office from their earnings, which goes into the road fund. This is pretty liberal for the men are working only about two days per week, isn't it? But they are making this donation with as much, or more, ease of conscience than would John D. in giving a barrel of oil to a public incineration of all his competitors. Of course any financial help that any body desires to contribute will be gladly received and will answer a good purpose; but if nothing at all is donated by nonresidents, the men say they are going to foot the expenses and they are asking every body everywhere to share the benefits which the road will afford.

The Bon Air Corporation has given free of charge the use of all the teams needed for the prosecution of the work, sometimes twelve and fourteen mules per day being used. Also the dynamite, fuse and detonators for extracting the stumps were donated by the corporation. These items may seem insignificant but a glance at what this part of the work amounts to is surprising.

The work was proceeding without organization and was doing well but it was thought best that the project take on some form of organization in order to insure its success. At this time automobile owners in Clifty and vicinity number about twenty or twenty-five. They were called together and organized into the "Clifty Auto Club." The chairman of this club appointed a constitutional committee and the constitution drawn and submitted by this committee was the most drastic and obligatory edict that was ever submitted to a body of men. It was adopted unanimously and by its adoption the members of this club pledged themselves to talk good roads, to use their influence among their friends in the interests of good roads and to build good roads.

With the organization perfected, the club went to work. Each member began to gather about him his friends and our army of workers from day to day was like the snow ball which we have started rolling at the top of a hill—the farther it went the larger it grew. Oftentimes forty men would be there to take part in the achievement which meant the tearing down of the wall that had so long imprisoned them. Houston's men at the Alamo displayed courage that adorns the pages of history; these men, by their courage, persistancy and determination, accomplished a feat which will linger in the memory of man as a tradition down through all the ages will pass. And while these men were expending their energy, were sacrific-

## SUICIDE BY HANGING

**Mrs. Ben. Gibson, Westel, Commits The Deed While Mentally Unbalanced.**

Wednesday morning between 10 o'clock and noon Mrs. Ben Gibson, Westel, hanged herself in the home smokehouse. She was found by her husband shortly after death had resulted. She was 50 years and a few months old, and a sister of W. H. Lingo, one of the most prominent and highly respected citizens of the Westel neighborhood.

She had prepared her children and started them to school and had begun the morning work about the

house. It seems she used the well rope and tied one end of it around a rafter in smokehouse and then tied it around her neck. She used a ladder to reach the rafter and then seems to have stepped from the ladder after fastening the rope around her neck. No reason can be assigned for the deed other than that she had been in bad health for some time and had worried over her two sons, Virgil and Arnold, who are in the army.

ing their time, were contributing their all in the accomplishment of this philanthropic deed. Santa Anne and his band of gorillas were lurking in the darkness seeking to thwart their noble purpose and to send a dagger into the vitals of the splendid cause. But despite all the obstructions that could be thrown in the way, the host moved on with unabated force, and the "conscientious objector" returned to the shade of his gourd vine to put a new "grass rod" in his bull tongue plow. The phalanx was unbroken; the purpose was a huge magnet which attracted and held theesousers of the cause firmly in its grasp. The memorable men of Alamo never beheld the victory they won but these public-spirited men of Clifty are going to reap the reward of their labors because they will have torn asunder the barrier which has long prevented social and business relationship between them and their neighboring towns.

Fully five miles of this road are constructed in Cumberland county but the people of White county who built the road do not regard the county line a barrier when the public welfare is concerned. About four-fifths of the men who so generously contributed their labor and money to this enterprise reside in White county but they care not what county the road is in, since they have a road that is in the realms of respectability. It would show Cumberland's appreciation of the work done if that county would "go thou and do likewise."

The question as to whom shall be benefitted by this road has been discussed from all points of the compass. Upon the face of it the question is absurd if not silly. Only a minimum power of discernment is necessary to convince one that this road will be an invaluable asset to every body regardless of location. The citizens of Clifty, Eastland and the Mobry settlement will be afforded an outlet, which has practically been impossible other than by rail. The people who live along this road will be benefitted in that the Distance to both Clifty and other places will be shortened and the value of the property along the route enhanced. All the people who reside in the Smith Chapel settlement will then only be a few minutes drive from Clifty. Everything taken into consideration, the road will not be disadvantage to any body but all will realize its benefits.

T. J. Quarles.

J. P. Anderson, wife and little daughter arrived home Monday from a trip of a week to Eubank, Ky., where they visited for a few days with his parents.